

Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, and 1st Cavalry Division DISCOM S3. His following assignment was as the Course Director, Combined Captains Career Course, at Fort Lee, Virginia, from 2002 to 2004.

In 2004, Kirklin returned to Fort Hood, and was again assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division DISCOM, a Deputy Commander while deployed to Taji, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After re-deployment in March 2005, he assumed Command of the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, at Fort Hood, on 14 July 2005. As commander, he deployed the battalion to Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006–08, Diyala Province, Iraq, and then recovered the unit back to Fort Hood.

After relinquishing Battalion Command in March 2008, he attended the U.S. Army War College, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. After graduating from the War College in 2009, Kirklin returned to Fort Hood, and assumed command of the 4th Sustainment Brigade on 14 July 2009. He deployed as the 4th Sustainment Brigade to Tallil, Iraq, in support of Operation New Dawn in February 2011. Kirklin redeployed the Brigade from Tallil, Iraq, in December 2011, after serving as the final Sustainment Brigade to close out sustainment and retrograde operations to end Operation New Dawn. In January 2012, Kirklin was assigned to the United States Central Command J4, in Tampa, Florida, as Chief of Current Operations.

Kirklin became the 53rd Commandant of the Quartermaster School on 9 June 2014–June 2016. He was promoted to Brigadier General on 5 December 2014.

In June 2016 MG Kirklin was assigned as the Director of Operations, G–4 3/5/7, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4 at the Pentagon, Washington, followed by assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4 U.S. Army Forces Command.

MG Kirklin was decorated and received many awards which includes: the National Defense Service Medal; Legion of Merit (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Bronze Star Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Meritorious Service Medal (4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Achievement Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal; Global War of Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War of Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Army Overseas Service Ribbon; Combat Action Badge; and Parachutist Badge. MG Kirklin was also recognized in a journal article: Top Black Officers in the U.S. Military: US Black Engineer and Information Technology; Vol. 41, No. 4 (WINTER 2017), pp. 240–75; Published by the Career Communications Group.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Major General Ronald Kirklin for his amorous, dedicated and superior loyalty to our community in the 2nd Congressional District, the U.S. of America and U.S. Army since 1988 to the present. We salute Major General Ronald Kirklin for his accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING COACH DALE GILDEHAUS OF ST. FRANCIS BORGIA HIGH SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON, MISSOURI ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Dale Gildehaus of St. Francis Borgia High School in Washington, Missouri on his well-deserved induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach Gildehaus has a longstanding career of 32 years as head football coach at St. Francis Borgia High School. Throughout the years, Coach Gildehaus has approached football as much more than just a game about wins and losses. It's about faith, family, his players and coaches, and the entire Washington, MO community. As a graduate of St. Francis Borgia, Coach Gildehaus has the unique connection to the town and understands the importance of a coach who cares about his team on and off the football field. His ultimate goal is to teach positive leadership and influence his team to also develop positive leadership mindsets to carry into their personal lives and help them be successful in whatever they choose to do.

As Coach Gildehaus enters his 32nd year, he boasts a whopping 252 wins. Among those wins is a Class 3 state championship in 1993. In 1995, he was honored with the Jimmy Conzelman Coach of the Year by the National Football Foundation. Despite his impressive record, Coach Gildehaus often credits the many coaches who have impacted his life: Coaches Rinne, Scanlan, and Flanagan each demanded discipline, respect, and hard work—the same lessons that Coach Gildehaus instills in his football players today.

After high school, Coach Gildehaus went on to play football at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri where he earned induction to the Truman State Hall of Fame. After graduating he spent four years at Union High School before moving to his current position at St. Francis Borgia. This impressive football career has been acknowledged by the Missouri Football Coaches Association in 2007 with an induction into their Hall of Fame. In 2014, the Missouri Football Coaches Association also honored him with the Pete Adkins Power of Influence in Football Award.

Throughout the years, Coach Gildehaus has always been supported by his loving wife, Beth, and their children, Christopher, Sandi, and Stacy. His granddaughter, Anna, said it best: “whether it is on the field, around school, at home, or around town you can always count on Grandpa to have a smile on his face”. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Gildehaus on his incredible career and induction to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

RISE: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE AT THE PASSING OF OUR 41ST PRESIDENT PRESIDENT GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a poem by Albert Carey Caswell:

Our tears are deep
In hearts of the love which speak
As no longer upon this earth to keep
You, as its for you Timber Wolf we now so weep
With sadness and tears of joy so sweet
For heaven is full of such men of grace
Who stand strong in all of their love and courage, and in all their service and faith, in what they've faced
And for whom our Nation have so bled, for that old Red, White, and Blue each day they wake in how they've led
Who give, not take
For you George,
America Son our Lord holds so a place
As an Angel who will watch over us, because of your service and faith
“A Patriot's plane was shot from the sky”
“Would this brave heart live or die?”
“What was to be?”
“When, the Lord reached down and pulled this man from the sea”

George, Rise MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Rise up to heaven with tears in your eyes
To be with your family, and to watch over us as another “point of light”, by our Lord's side
As Ronald, George, Abraham, Martin, Thomas, Rosa, Sonny, Lee, and Jack are looking forward to having with you such quality time
Sadly, with us your time on Earth is over, realized
But, left behind is your life Mr Incredible, a remarkable legacy which can't be denied
As a Patriot of Peace, who to do his best always strived
Armed with a golden heart of strength, to conquer every mountain you had to climb
And a resume second to none history will find
But, to you your greatest accomplishment of all, was as a Husband, as a Father, as a Son, and as a Grandfather we saw
Just look at your magnificent family standing there in awe
As you children were so blessed, for a child to become whole, to bring peace and love to their soul, they need a Father's Love
But, right now history is in our face, and as it moves away from us, one of the greatest Presidents will stand in its place
Bringing down that Berlin Wall in Europe, and the cold war to communism erase
Drawing that line in sand “this aggression shall stand” in evil's face
As you knew when to stop to save precious lives, all part of your grace
While, carrying the heaviest of all burdens of life and death, a President must face
When Bush Comes To Shove, as precious lives you would not waste
While, domestically too such a high place
And though you were a giant in stature so very great, it was your kind and humble heart above all the others we placed